## CAMPUS-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# **BATHO PELE-ORIENTED VETERINARY SERVICES**

#### **Community challenges and purpose of** centre

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Community challenges addressed in collaboration with the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria:

- Testing animals for brucellosis and tuberculosis diseases
- Animal identification through placing of ear tags
- Vaccinating animals for controlled diseases, that is, rabies, anthrax
- Veterinary extension, especially on basic principles of primary animal health care
- Mobile clinic to assist with medical and surgical cases and also primary animal health like deworming, vaccination

### **Community engagement opportunities** and impact

- Assisting farmers to be able to determine the health status of their animals
- Assisting farmers to be able to individually identify animals, which is important for traceability and record keeping
- Helping to prevent the outbreak of controlled diseases in their herds as the animals will be immunised against those diseases
- Helping farmers to gain knowledge on how to identify sick animals and also learn the common signs of common diseases in their area
- Assisting in providing needed treatment to animals, hence restoring them back to good health and optimal productivity

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